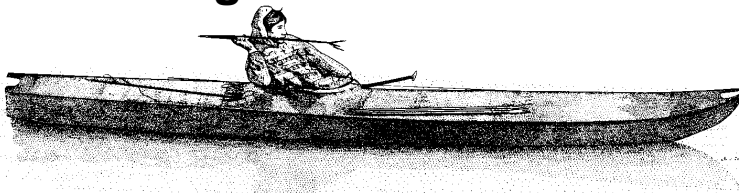




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# Federal Subsistence Fisheries Management in Alaska



Forest Service

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## SUMMARY OF FINAL REGULATIONS

This final rule (36 CFR Part 242 and 50 CFR Part 100) expands federal management of subsistence fisheries on Alaskan rivers and lakes within and alongside federal conservation lands. The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture have proceeded with this expanded jurisdiction as directed by the federal court in the *Katie John* case.

Congress took several actions to delay the effective date of these regulations until October 1, 1999. The delays were to allow the Alaska Legislature additional time to resolve the subsistence impasse and to meet the requirements of the rural subsistence priority in Title VIII of the *Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act* (or ANILCA).

Little change in existing subsistence fishing practices in rural areas is initially anticipated under these regulations, because they largely parallel existing state regulations. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulations will continue to apply to all commercial, personal use, and subsistence fishing on non-federal waters, and all non-subsistence fishing on federal waters.

Federal management of subsistence trapping, hunting, and limited fishing on federal public lands has been in place since July 1, 1990. The Secretaries are publishing these expanded subsistence fishing regulations separately from federal subsistence trapping and hunting regulations. The Federal Subsistence Board administers the federal subsistence management program, with the advice and insight of ten federal subsistence regional advisory councils. Members of the Federal Subsistence Board include the Chair appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and the Alaskan directors of five federal agencies: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, and U.S. Forest Service.

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### The major sections of these regulations:

- Identify the waters subject to federal subsistence management jurisdiction.
- Extend jurisdiction for subsistence wildlife management to selected but not conveyed lands.
- Acknowledge existing authorities available to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to intervene off of federal lands and waters to protect subsistence activities on federal lands and waters.
- Provide for the non-commercial exchange of subsistence foods through customary trade.
- Establish customary and traditional use determinations for fisheries.
- Establish federal subsistence fishing seasons, harvest limits, and methods and means restrictions.